

MINUTES

**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND
EDUCATION MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 12, 10 AM

**WAYNE TWP FD
700 N HIGH SCHOOL RD
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46214**

A. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 10:05 AM

B. ROLL CALL

Present

**Patrick Donoghue
Paul Covington
Tom Hanify (10:30 AM)
Roger Johnson
Charles Hall
Jerry Nulliner
Bradley D Thatcher**

Absent

**Jack Kerney
Tom Loraine
Bernice Clark
Darrick Scott**

**C. MINUTES FROM JULY 25TH, 2005 BOARD MEETING AND
STATISTICAL REPORT.**

**Charles Hall made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion
passed.**

D. VARIANCES

- 1. William Shoaf is requesting variances for the following:**

- a) Structural Collapse Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-103
- b) Confined Space Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-101
- c) Trench Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- d) Swift Water Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-107
- e) Wilderness Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-110
- f) Vehicle/Machine Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- g) Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

He is a member of Task Force One and his request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Roger Johnson. Motion passed. Question was asked about the request. It goes straight to the technician level. Bypassing the awareness and operations level. Mara Snyder stated that it is up to the Board. They can approve the request and bypass the prerequisite.

2. Roger Browning is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Swift Water Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- b) Swift Water Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-106
- c) Swift Water Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-107

His request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Roger Johnson. Motion passed

3. Gerald George is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Wilderness Rescue Technician; 655 IAC 1-2.1-110
- b) Swift Water Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-107
- c) Structural Collapse Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-103
- d) Trench Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- e) Confines Space Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-101
- f) Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- g) Rope Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

He is a member of Task Force One and his request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Roger Johnson. Motion passed

4. Russell Shoaf is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Confines Space Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

- b) Vehicle/Machinery Rescuer Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- c) Rope Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-97
- d) Trench Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- e) Structural Collapse Rescue Tech; 655 IACD 1-2.-1.103
- f) Swift Water Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-107.
- g) Wilderness Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-110

He is a member of Task Force and his request is based on his background, training and experience.

Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Roger Johnson.
Motion passed

5. David Hatter is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Confines Space Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-101
- b) Vehicle/Machinery Rescuer Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- c) Rope Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-97
- d) Trench Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- e) Structural Collapse Rescue Tech; 655 IACD 1-2.-1.103
- f) Swift Water Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-107.
- g) Wilderness Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-110

He is a member of Task Force and his request is based on his background, training and experience.

Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Seconded by Roger Johnson.
Motion passed

6. Brian Kazmierzak is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Confines Space Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-101
- b) Vehicle/Machinery Rescuer Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- c) Rope Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-97
- d) Trench Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- e) Structural Collapse Rescue Tech; 655 IACD 1-2.-1.103
- f) Swift Water Rescue Tech; 655 IAC 1-2.1-107.

His request is based on his background, training and experience.

Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded.
Motion passed.

7. Bruce Lovell is appealing the results of his FO 3 test.

him He took the original test, 25 questions from FO 1, 25 questions from FO 2 and 25 questions from FO 3.

Staff recommends to deny. Void out original test and let him take the current FO 3 test and practicals.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to send for Administrative judgment. Seconded by Paul Covington. Motion passed.

8. Kerry O'Haver is requesting a variance for FO 3 655 IAC 1-2.1-10. He has IFSAC Instructor 2/3, and he is a FO 2. He has a degree in Applied Science from Ivy Tech and a minor in Applied Fire Science Technology.

Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place.

Paul Covington made a motion to deny. Bradley Thatcher seconded. Motion passed.

9. Brandon Kleine is requesting a variance for FO 3, 655 IAC 1-2.1-. He has a degree in Applied Science with a Major in Public Safety and a minor in Fire Science, from Ivy Tech. Tech.

Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

10. Jeff Barlow is requesting variance for FO 3, 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 and FO4, 655 IAC 1-2.1-11 based on Associate Degree in Fire/Safety Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Kentucky Univ. He is FO 1 and 2, he also has Instructor 2/3.

Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place. Upon passing FO 3, the Board could grant FO 4.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. Fire Officer 4 request was granted provided he passes the Fire Officer 3 written and practical.

11. Chad Vanderpool is requesting reciprocity for FF1, 655 IAC 1-2.1-4 and FF 2, 655 IAC 1-2.1-5. based on Michigan certification. No Indiana certifications at this time.

Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place

Paul Covington made a motion to deny. Bradley Thatcher seconded. Motion passed.

12. Chris Rainbolt requests a variance for FO3, 655 IAC 1-2.1-10. He has FO 2 and Instructor 2/3. He took the course at Fishers FD. Passed the FO3 test. Took pilot program in Fishers.

Staff recommends approval.

Paul Covington made a motion to approve. Jerry Nulliner seconded. Motion passed.

13. Matthew Timmer requests reciprocity for the following: Has certification from IL.

1. Hazmat Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-24
2. Hazmat Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.1
3. Driver/Pumper 655 IAC 655 IAC 1-2.1-6
4. Driver/Aerial 655 IAC 1-2.1-6.1

Matthew Timmer also request variances for FO 1, 655 IAC 1-2.1-8 and FO 2, 655 IAC 1-2.1-9 based on Fire Science degree from Ivy Tech.

Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place

Paul Covington made a motion to deny. Bradley Thatcher seconded. Motion passed.

14. Jeffrey Williams is requesting variances for the following:

- a) Structural Collapse Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-103
- b) Confined Space Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-101
- c) Trench Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-105
- d) Swift Water Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-107
- e) Vehicle/Machine Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-99
- f) Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

His request is based on his background, training and experience.

Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

15. Robert Prather is requesting a variance for Instructor I hours, 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 (a). He has passed the Instructor update test.

Staff recommends approval

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

16. Scott Chapman is requesting a variance for Strategy and Tactics, 655 IAC 1-2.1-7.1. He took the Strategy and Tactics for Initial Comp. Operation at New Albany School on August 21, 2005 and passed there written test.
Staff recommends approval. No written/practical in place at time of testing.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

17. Michael DeShong is requesting a variance for Hazmat Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24.1, based on certification from Texas A & M, he is Indiana certified Hazmat Awareness.
Staff recommends to deny. Written and practical in place.

Bradley Thatcher made a motion to deny. Jerry Nulliner seconded. Motion passed.

18. Jason Schroeder request reciprocity for FF 1, 655 IAC 1-2.1-4; FF 2, 655 IAC 1-2.1-5, Hazmat Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24; and Hazmat Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-24-1. He has certification in Michigan.
Staff recommends deny. Written and practical test in place

Paul Covington made a motion to deny. Bradley Thatcher seconded. Motion passed.

19. Ronald Brown is requesting a variance for FO Strategy and Tactics, 655 IAC 1-2.1-7.1. He took the class at the STICO course taught by Chad Able.
Staff recommends approval. No written/practical in place at time of testing.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to table this until a copy of course completion was submitted. Bradley Thatcher seconded. Motion passed.

- 20.. Dennis Bonebrake is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**

Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

21. . Dennis Burton is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program . **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**

Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

22. Darren Chandler is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

23. Greg Cherry is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

24. Eric Clark is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.

Motion passed.

25. Roger Clark is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
.Staff recommends approval.
Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

26. Louie Koch, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

27. Larry Lacy, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

28. Lenara LePan is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

29. Tom Laughlin, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

30. Kurt Lockridge, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. **His request is based on his background, training and experience. Staff recommends approval.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approved. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

31. Craig Morningstar, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

32. Jerad Parker, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

33. Dennis Parks, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

34. Jeff Smith, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

35. Ted Stine, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

36. Jay Tennell, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

37. Todd Trimble, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on

presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.
Motion passed.

38. Mike Wischmeyer, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.
Motion passed.

39. Glenn Glackmann, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.
Motion passed.

40. Ryan Slevin, is requesting variance for Rope Rescue Tech, 655 IAC 1-2.1-97; and Swift Water Rescue Tech 655 IAC 1-2.1-107. Based on presentation enclosed and South Bend Swift Water program. **His request is based on his background, training and experience.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.
Motion passed.

41. Eric Gentry is requesting a variance for FO 3, 655 IAC 1-2.1-10. He took the class at the Jasper Fire School under the pilot program.
Staff recommends approval.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Paul Covington seconded.
Motion passed.

E. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

I am going to ask John Buckman explain some training initiative in my time slot. Also Brad Thatcher will share my time slot for more information about this.

I think first you need to know that there is a movement underfoot now to dissolve this Board. And also to dissolve the Board of the Emergency Medical Services. So you need to be aware of that and you need to start monitoring the political climate of the upcoming legislature. At this point it is a pretty well outlined conclusion that there is a better way of conducting business than through this Board and EMS Commission. I am telling you this simply to be forthright with you like I said I would be from the start. I have talked to some members of this commission about this in advance and Brad Thatcher does have some comments on that and he would like to fill you in on what the division is of Homeland Security.

Paul. Covington stated that if the Board was dissolved, Indiana would lose IFSAC accreditation.

Brad Thatcher explained the thought process is that since we are moving in a different direction with Homeland Security and our public safety agency's combining together is that the EMS Commission and the Board of Firefighting Standards would be dissolved and a portion of the membership of those boards would be absorbed into a Homeland Security Advisory Board or Commission that would replace both of those entities and would represent all oversight and discipline for Homeland Security. If the legislation should pass, and there is no guarantee that it will, this is simply the recommendation that is being set forth, the voice would not be lost, it would just be incorporated into a larger commission that would sit in advisement of the Department of Homeland Security. The thought is that they want to look down the road. We feel that by combining the agency's into one, that we would be in a better position to assist the citizens of Indiana.

Randy Brown asked "who answers to us", "who answers to the fire service, ems, who answers to us" Right now Eric Dietz has not attended one of these meetings, he has not talked to anyone of us, and so far I have seen him micro-managing the entire thing. Right now, what you just said, gives us no voice. Who do we tell and complain to? This is the only way we have an opportunity to yell and get our concerns out, and now as he's micro-managing emergency services, we don't have anyone to turn to. We call Roger Johnson and bug him and I want to know where's Dietz? Who do we complain to? My Senator? My senator has no clue what you guys are doing.

Brad Thatcher responded, if the legislative passes, -

Randy Brown asked who was putting this legislature forward? So that we can get our opinions made. You are discussing changes going forward to legislation but we have not heard anything about this until today. Where is this coming from? Where do we get our information? We were promised months ago that the state web site was going to be updated to let us know this stuff. My web site blows the states out of the water. Where is this information coming from because it is not filtering down to the rest of us in this room. We need this information because of it's impact the rest of us. You are talking about major changes in our future. We have no information and you are saying that it's going to legislature. Where do we find this information. Changes have been made in the past 3 years that nobody knows about. Example: the variances that you just covered, nobody knows about the process of the testing. They can get on line and look through

years of legislation and lines drawn though what is there. You have to get the word out. IVFA is not doing it, IFIA is not doing it, and certainly the legislature is not doing it. I do not see how this change is going to better the state of Indiana. We need to be kept informed and that is not happening. This Board protects us. The citizens on the Board protect us.

Brad Thatcher – your concerns are noted and I will take that back and get it to Eric and let him know your feelings,

Randy Brown – give him my phone number

Brad Thatcher – The fire service and the ems service would be represented by the representatives appointed to that board just as representatives are appointed to this board. I cannot comment on what the make up of the board would be because the legislation has not been drafted yet. There is no guarantee that the legislation would be represented in the short session. This is simply something that is being discussed and talked about as a better means to service the public in Indiana. We are talking about ideas and theories here. Right now we have a board that addresses fire issues and a board that addresses ems issues. The majority of firefighters are ems so we have two separate commissions that are serving the same group of individuals, but the board and the commission are not communicating.

Paul Covington, I set with some gentlemen from Michigan and they have made this transition already. They have totally destroyed there fire service program. They totally lost there IFSAC program. We need to make sure that people are aware of this.

Maynard Masters – There are over 30 thousand firefighters in Indiana, and about ½ of that in EMS. I did not like the idea of a military man going in the top position because he has no experience in this field. Mitch Daniels got elected because of the fire service went out and said “enough of SEMA running us” What was said with Mitch Daniels has not taken place. It is time to get off of your butts guys and go to work. Call your representative.

Roger Johnson – There is a comment about the response from the south. I just received a call from the Johnson County Firefighters that are sitting in the Marriott Hotel at the Atlanta airport, for 5 days now. They are with 5000 other firefighters, highly trained firefighters, sitting in a hotel, being paid by FEMA, being instructed on how not to talk to the media and not to be available for the public. They are basically sequestered in a hotel.

John Buckman opened a discussion on a report that was handed out, and had been submitted to the governor on the proposed training centers. This report can be seen at fireservice_indiananews@comcast.net. Further discussion on this report will be held November 4 & 5, 2005, at Wayne Twp FD starting at 9AM. This meeting is an open meeting.

F. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING INSTITUTE REPORT- DIRECTOR,
BRADLEY D. THATCHER

Mandatory training task force is moving along. The power point should be completed by the next board meeting. I attended a commission meeting for higher education. Vincennes asked for approval to establish a fire training fire science and safety training course. The course was approved. The fire service can get credit hours through this at a reduced rate. This is a step forward in providing continuing education.

The next meeting for the higher education board is Friday, September 16, 2005. Jerry Nulliner volunteered to speak at this meeting representing the Fire Service.

G. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION SECTION REPORT- TONY PAGANO

So far this year we have issued 1200 hundred course numbers. This is the total number issued for last year. Lori Robison resigned today. She will be moving on. She will be a big loss to us.

Paul Covington states that we have full accreditation for IFSAC. The new certification is FO 3. I thank everyone in the room for their assistance in this. This was a lot of work and I thank everyone. There are major changes in the practicals. Discussion on practicals on line took place. Some are on line at this time, on the DHS website. Brad Thatcher asked for official recognition of Lori Robison and her contribution to the certification office.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

1. Nonfinal order of dismissal for Eric Flory.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

2. Bruce Lovell's appeal has been referred to the Judge for administrative rule.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. NIMS, reciprocity, variance criteria – Jerry Nulliner

The task force submitted a report for variance, reciprocity. They suggest the following:

For NIMS awareness we will accept the FEMA certification for IS700,IS100 IS100LE; IS100PW, Q462. NFA course completions, and the IDHS course completions.

For NIMS operations we would accept the FEMA IS200, and Q463, the NFA course completions and the IDHS course completions.

They had no recommendation at this time for Incident Command and Technician.

These certifications will be available in January , 2006.

A motion cannot be made until an open door meeting has been completed.

2. Administrative rule changes.

No discussion was held at this time.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. A discussion of letter from Attorney General and minimum basic training standards. Mara Snyder

Tom Hanify explained that the original discussion was “who determined what the minimum standards are for firefighting. When we changed mandatory, 24 hour to basic, the language changed. Representative Adams from Muncie, asked to AG’s office opinion on who determined what the standards are. The AG’s office determined that this board determined the standards. The board has the authority to set the minimum standards for firefighting. The discussion about 2 years ago, was that the board wanted to make basic FF the minimum training. The program is out there, you have a blank check here. The board needs to determine what the standards should be.

Randy Brown had requested to speak but he stated that he already asked what he needed to ask earlier in this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Next meeting will be on October 31, 2005 at Wayne Twp FD.